

REVIEW STAFF

DCI/IC 75-2783

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Searle Field

1. Searle Field called and advised that all staff members identified in the letter of Mr. Pike had been given full FBI investigation (this had been ascertained earlier by Mr. Moore, Chairman of the USIB Security Committee). He also advised that Colby was scheduled for an appearance on Monday, the 4th, before the Committee in public session on the Open Budget. I advised him that we were preparing the script and he requested an advance copy, stating the rules provided that all testimony would be taken from witnesses with submission of advance copy expected. I explained that we were working to get the paper prepared for Mr. Colby and I would pass on his request. He stated that this requirement was often waived but he would appreciate our doing what we could. He then advised that Lynn would be appearing on Friday if this can be worked out but that to date he had not gotten all the ends tied together. He stated Dr. Hall would appear on Tuesday and this confirms Mr. Latimer's earlier advice and Hall's previous conversation on this subject. Field noted the DCI would return on Wednesday to take CIA and that they were seeking to have Justice appear on Thursday.

2. Field also advised that he had prepared a letter that he hoped the Chairman would sign identifying certain members of the staff for selective subject matter. He advised that [] was being shown the premises and that he had set up a good number of security procedures consistent with our earlier advice for the storage of material. He stated these procedures would be exercised very carefully and that if he was responsible as Staff Director he would assure that compartmented material was properly segregated and with restricted access.

3. Throughout, Field seemed to be working toward some reasonable compromise having specifically registered that the game of principle and debate supported by the Chairman's letter of 28 July could hold up action on the main purpose and he hoped there would be some way to get around and make some compromises.

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